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### **STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE #12 (SO12)**

(Conflict Reduced in Mindanao and Other Areas Vulnerable to Violence)



**MINDANAO'S FUTURE LEADERS.** Twenty young professionals from the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) and neighboring conflict-affected areas recently completed a four-month internship at the House of Representatives to develop their skills in legislative policy making and governance. The Congressional Internship Program for Young Muslim Leaders (CIPYML) is a partnership among the Philippine Congress, Mindanao State University, and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). US Embassy Charge d' Affaires Joseph A. Mussomeli and House Speaker Jose de Venecia were joined on the dais by Michael Trott, USAID Acting Mission Director, Dr. Camar Umpa, MSU president, Mr. Rodlfo Vicerra, director general of the Congressional Planning and Budget Office, Akbayan Rep. Risa Hontiveros and Mr. Michael Langsdorf, deputy program manager for Education and Governance of the Growth with Equity in Mindanao (GEM) Program. (GEM)

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